

Water supply scheme to Bhadravathi

331. Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(a) the stage at which the water supply scheme to Bhadravathi Municipality stands;

(b) whether the Government has promised that it will stand guarantee to Mysore Iron and Steel Ltd., and to take up the work immediately;

(c) whether a large number of representations have come from the rural as well as residents of urban areas that the river water is polluted and free supply of water should be ensured by the concerned companies;

(d) whether the M. I. S. L. and Mysore Paper Mills are paying compensation to the Municipality for polluting the river water; if so, the amount paid by each company;

(e) whether there is any representation that this compensation should be enhanced or pollution of river water to be stopped?

A.—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—

(a) The water supply scheme is under consideration.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) Yes; Rs. 1,500 per annum from the M. I. S. L. and Mysore Paper Mills from 1st July 1942.

Rs. 6,000 per annum only from Mysore Iron and Steel Ltd., from 1958-59.

(e) Yes.

Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—In answer to (b) and (c) the reply given is 'No'. Is it not a fact that ever since the Hon'ble Chief Minister's visit to Bhadravathi in 1957 and the Hon'ble Municipal Administration Minister's last visit to Bhadravati, we have been requesting Government to enhance these pollution charges and stand guarantee to the Municipality?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Yes.

2-00 P.M.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is the Government aware that by this pollution, the water supply right upto Honnali has been polluted and a number of villagers have been subjected to all kinds of difficulties and if so, what is it the Government proposes to do in the matter?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—The compensation has been paid every year and it has also been increased to Rs. 1,500 from Rs. 1,200.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—If the compensation is paid, may I know, how does it help the villagers?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—That will not be helpful because it will not be a stopped pollution. What is wanted is to provide water supply. For that purpose there is a comprehensive scheme prepared and that will be formulated in the near future. Now the Municipality has augmented its resources.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—May I know whether the Government will take some steps to see that the rural folk is not subjected to this pollution?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Necessary steps will be taken up.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Substitution of Land Revenue.

320. Sri D. B. KALAMANKAR (Aland).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state:—

whether the Government has decided for substituting the land revenue by the agricultural income tax?

A.—Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

No.

Grant to Hindi Pracharsangha.

332. Sri K. P. NADAGOUDA (Mudhol).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state:—

(a) the amount of annual grant given from the State Government to Hindi Prachar Sangha of Mudhol in Bijapur District;

(b) the number of teachers working in the school run by the said Sangha;

(c) the monthly salary of each teacher?